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— as his Father said I must call a Town on my way home & my mind was quite made up that it would be a foolish thing to undertake an [illegible] but I went there this blessed Sunday week and spent the Tuesday morning reading, reading, reading, and talking incessantly. Yes did not disappoint you about the matter. Mrs E. says that perfect thank her Father herself a little cold when they begin talking of their fortune and so it was a great relief ment to have one to whom they could say what they pleased without losing their reputation for sanity. I have ever met with a more delightful specimen of the affectionate Father and Daughter — and they are both so entirely unaffected Mrs Ritchie too is highly accomplished without pedantry and possesses pretty much in person & manner talent than she is, with a very delightful heartiness do not believe there is a man in the three kingdoms who does more for the A.S. cause than Mr E. He has given money, lectures, and deputations to help it forward as much as lies in his power. I dare say, believe his article in the last Edinburgh on the Rockaway Convention ministers (which was very good) and admirable letter to Rev. A. Reed on in defence of [illegible] the Rev. A.V. Lucy, and forming at the conference the resolutions of the Free Labor movement which has taken up with great fervor. The Lord is bestirring himself in the Church and thanks it blasphemy to controvert the clergy who are all for it. Reproduced in their eyes — though she is a perfect Quaker. — While in London by Mr E's request I called on Miss Ritchie and spent a pleasant evening with them. The girls are very agreeable & pleasing & poor Mrs R's widowed heart might be worked for in one who has buried six of her children.

From Bristol I went on through Birmingham to Derby where I took tea with a fine fellow - George Senter - an Engine driver on the railway - an uncompromising Methodist and a firm believer in the doctrine of Light - an honest and upright a rare order of his kind as I ever met with. Amongst the old puritan stock there could not have been an honester person probably there was not so gentle a man. He lives with his parents & sisters. They had been methodists and are now Unitarians except the old lady who is a greater stickler than ever for the cause & a good soul and talks and looks the very image of one of my dear old grand aunts in the country long since gone to their rest. These people are as good as their Letters - but oh so different. - Then I proceeded to Chesterfield in Derbyshire and made my way in the dark night to the house of Mr & Mrs Blythe where my daughter Deborah has been about a month at school I was rejoiced to see me after recognising my knock at the front door. Mr B. was a Unitarian minister but gave up partly from ill health & partly from too great an infusion of heresy into his teachings. He is I think a good scholar & a good teacher and is a refined intellectual looking gentleman. Mrs Blythe is a very sweet woman & Deborah is very fond of her and quite free with her. D. looks better for the change already and like I hope to improve in every way by the school. The pupils are very few - the place has more of the air of an ordinary school - It is more like a home and although I expect to have to pay rather heavily, I dont think we could do better for the child. She went by her own desire & with good will. I was greatly comforted by my visit.

From Chesterfield I rode 50 miles further northwards to Wortley near Leeds where I spent a night, & paid my last visit to Joseph Barker & his family in his own home. You have probably heard of him, as a man of great force of character who, formerly a Methodist preacher, has renounced all dogmas, & devoted himself to moral & intellectual reform. I don't think much of his polities but very highly of himself. He is an instance of simple & moral courage, honest, & devoted to the substantial moral improvement of the Community. He is a staunch anti-slavery man, but has much more faith in American freedom & the American people than I have. He is about to emigrate to the U. States with his family & I found him selling off his pretty little place & large stock of books. I have no doubt his intent to better himself in every way, for in any sphere middle class people with the means of living comfortably here have not much chance of improving their happiness by the change. But he is taking the precaution of arranging matters so that he may return to England if he chooses. He is a man of the people & I have ever known he has done the work to which he has put his hand. He has the pretensions of revelation & inspiration to their true value. He is wonderfully open, fearless & common sense in his style of writing — clear like Franklin & Cobbett or any other downright, decided wielders of the pen.

Have you heard of the letter between Miss Martineau & Mr Cattlemen just published, & which are sure to create a terrible outcry against her? Mr Cattleman who is prepared for them by the talks he had with Miss M. at Ambleside. They are deistic pantheistical & virtually atheistical in their views of the Deity & the acceptance of that term — they sent the idea of a God apart from nature, & the laws, & future life — I a God apart from nature, &

Miss Mountain that we have no destiny but to act our
part in our life time as parts of the great whole &
have no destiny as independent existences. Miss
Gurney is very in these convictions & seems to live
on it as the noblest of all her attainments. Then
when she had burned her fingers before taking its
publication in hand. She dabbles them
very courage and beauty - but the book which I
did a loan of from the Cotton Stuckey was as pale of
principles and altogether uninteresting.

I hear you have taken a house in the neighbourhood
of Portland Place & surely you could not see London
to greater advantage. We wish so if we can but have
Robb declares she would prefer the Highlands to Sun
a bath - and it is not likely to cold see much
of our friends. I apprehend lodgings will be very
dear - and with an the Egyptian will probably de-
pend on the state of our finances on which so
many much greater decisions depend. We
Cotton think you will find England the English very
flat after France & the French - and this is very
probable - particularly the Cotts of your party.
What a long & affluent absence you had. You are
one that I think should never be unwell. I think
of you as one particularly bright and sound and I
never have any difficulty in setting you standing
before me. - The Chaffe H.W.S. Brown set in ad-
mirably in Scotland and are greatly liked. - Henry
Bow Brown does well in Bolton, Lancashire - Your
sister Anne & Robert of the Bays was absolutely grand
It made my eyes quite wet, and myself conceited to
think that she & I belong to the one "Factor".

Do you know any thing especial about Henry
H. Farnet. I know him as an ex Cabinet Min-
ister, Chester to Douglas & the old County - but I have
rather very particular reasons for wishing him

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